GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:422
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Neurogenetic Test Facilities
Hemamalini Smt.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government hospitals in the country offer neurogenetic tests to diagnose disorders of brain in adults and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such tests conducted during the year 2014-15 at PGIMER, Chandigarh and AIIMS hospitals in the country, AIIMS-wise;

(c) whether genetic counselling is being offered at hospitals for prevention of neurogenetic disorders among the poor and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether PGIMER and AIIMS have developed protocols for treatment of neurological and neurogenetic diseases under Digital India initiative and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in collaboration with Institute of Genomics and Integration Biology under Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Benguluru, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, conduct test of certain neurogenetic disorders. Regarding Hospitals under the State, it is informed that since health is a State subject, information regarding availability of neurogenetic tests facility in the Hospitals under State Government is not maintained centrally.
(b) The 522 tests for hereditary Spinocerebellar Ataxias (SCA) & Friederich's and Huntingon's diseases were conducted during the year 2014-15 in AIIMS, New Delhi. However, PGIMER, Chandigarh, is not conducting Neuro-Genetic tests to diagnose disorders of brain in adults.
(c) Counselling is provided by Neurology Department of the various Hospital/Institutes including Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh, AIIMS, Bhubaneshwar, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, Department concerned in AIIMS, New Delhi, etc. to all patients including BPL patients.
(d) Protocols for treatment of various neurological diseases are in place at AIIMS, New Delhi and PGIMER, Chandigarh.
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